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1. SUMMARY. ANGOLA HAS AGREED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH BELGIUM. JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO THAT EFFECT TO
BE MADE PUBLIC OCT 15, BELGIAN CHARGE TO DEPART FOR LUANDA
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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE, AND AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO

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BE IN PLACE BY END OF YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AFRICAN DESK OFFICER (VERKAMMEN) TOLD US THAT ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT HAD FINALLY RESPONDED AFIRMATIVELY TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST DATED FEB 21 FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. AN OCT 15 JOINT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THIS "WITH USUAL RHETORIC" WILL BE FIRST PUBLICH ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. VERKAMMEN SUMMARIZED FOR US RECENT EVENTS LEADING UP TO ANGOLAN MOVE: ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT IN MID-AUGUST INFORMED BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT BELGIAN CONSULAR OFFICIAL IN LUANDA (GRAFFE), WHO HAD BEEN THERE DURING PORTUGUESE COLONIAL PERIOD, COULD NO LONGER REMAIN. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT SUBSEQUENTLY GOT ANGOLAN AGREEMENT FOR POSTING OF BELGIAN DIPLOMAT IN LUANDA (REPLACING DE BOBIANO WHO HAD BEEN THERE ON TDY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND HAD BEEN PULLED OUT IN JULY). ANGOLANS SUGGESTED THAT TITLE CHIEF OF BELGIAN MISSION BE APPROPRIATE. BELGIAN DIPLOMAT WILLY DE SMAELE, MOST RECENTLY CONSUL GENERAL IN SAO PAULO, WAS READY TO DEPART FOR LUANDA SEPT 18TH WHEN BELGIANS WERE ABRUPTLY INFORMED ON SEPT 17 THAT DE SAMELE SHOULD NOT COME AND THAT GRAFFE MUST LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD BE CARRYING MESSAGE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM BRUSSELS, GRAFFE OPENED MESSAGE AND CABLED CONTENT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH WAS AGREEMENT TO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND PROPOSAL FOR OCT 15 COMMUNIQUE. GRAFFE DEPARTED LUANDA SEPT 20; CONSULATE PREMISES ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CARE OF LOCAL EMPLOYEE AND FILES STORED AT ITALIAN EMBASSY. VERKAMMEN SAID DE SMAELE WOULD GO TO LUANDA AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OCT 15 ANNOUNCEMENT AND AMASSADOR-DESIGNATE ROBERT GUILLOT-PINGUE, CURRENTLY CHEF DE CABINET OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, WOULD TAKE UP HIS POST BEFORE END OF YEAR.

3. VERKAMMEN SAW NO LOGIC IN ANGOLAN DECISION OR TIMING ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BELGIUM BUT NOTED THAT GRAFFE'S MOST RECENT REPORTING FROM LUANDA STRESSED POINT THAT PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO AND HIS RULING FACTION SEEM MORE SECURE AND "IN LESS DIRECT DANGER" FROM NITO ALVES GROUP. FIRESTONE

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